

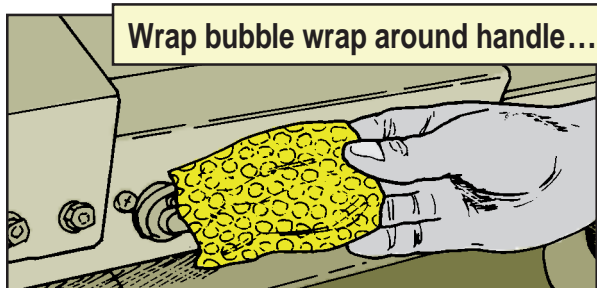
Hellfire Salvation

Dear Editor,

A little bubble wrap and a sports drink bottle cap can save your Hellfire launcher from damage.

Use bubble wrap to wrap locking handles. Anybody who works around a Hellfire hangar very long knows the missile system's most vulnerable parts are the launcher locking handles. It doesn't take much of a knock to break off a handle. Then you can't lock down the missiles.

Bubble wrap provides enough cushion to prevent most damage. Whenever the launcher is being transported or stored, wrap bubble wrap first around the handle and then around the handle and rail. Tape the bubble wrap in place.



Wrap bubble wrap around handle...



...and then around handle and rail

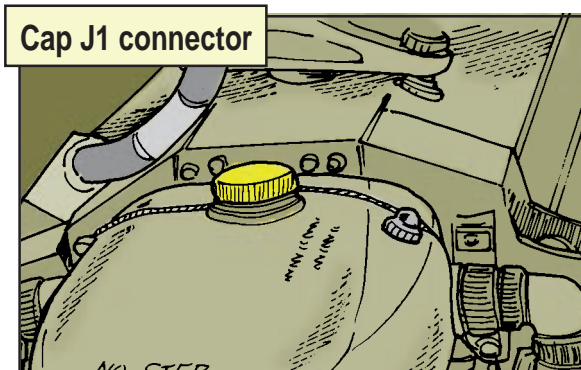
Of course, nothing will protect the locking handles if you don't show a little care. Keep your feet off the handles and use at least two people to remove or install the launcher. Four people would be best. The launcher is too heavy for one person to safely maneuver.

Use a sports drink bottle cap on the J1 connector. When you train with MILES, the P511 harness to the launcher's J1 connector is left disconnected. If the J1 is left uncovered, dirt and moisture get in the connector and lead to corrosion and a poor electrical connection.

A great way to seal out problems is to screw a cap from a wide-mouth sports drink bottle on the J1. The cap stays tight even during flight.

SGT Scott O'Dell

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Cap J1 connector

